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1. [REDACTED] about 200 to 300 trucks were seen at a parking lot at the northern edge of Camp Born at the Letzling Heath troop training grounds. A double-sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the entrance east of the Born-Huetten road. Six soldiers were stringing an overhead telephone line in the camp and 3 officers and about 16 EM received instruction. Another camp was about 1 km north of Born. It was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] were seen en route to this camp. The AA emplacement 2 km south of Born was occupied as previously by six 37-mm AA guns. [REDACTED] seen en route to and from Camp Born. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] the camp south of Huetten was occupied to capacity. Little activity was observed in the camp. Individual officers with tank and artillery insignia and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed. The two four-mast radio stations at the northern border of the camp were still there. Artillery firing was heard at intervals of 30 to 40 minutes. [REDACTED] 16 trucks, including 4 towing 85-mm AA guns and some loaded with billeting equipment; and 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen en route toward north on the Born-Haldensleben road, coming from the direction of Haldensleben. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] the camp south of Jaewelitz-Hottendorf was occupied by an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 troops. Local residents stated that the camp had been enlarged, and that about 2,000 troops of the Armored Command and artillery had arrived in late April and early May. About 300 to 400 motor vehicles mostly trucks, were seen at the northern border of the

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camp and 50 to 60 canvas-covered tanks or SP guns were at the western border of the camp. [] two T-34/85 tanks from the camp, drawn by another tank, were entrained at the Jaevenitz railroad station. Individual officers and troops seen between railroad station and camp wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Only little vehicular traffic, []

[] was observed to and from the camp.

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4. [] the bunker camp south of Jaevenitz was occupied by about 200 to 300 troops, with the sentries wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. An undetermined number of troops received training in trenches and foxholes, and drilled with four 45-mm AT guns; and three tanks, which source believed were T-34/85 tanks, were seen at driving practice. No vehicular traffic was observed. 2

5. [] an undetermined number of trucks, including 8 towing AA guns; 1 field kitchen and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, were loaded on 40 flatcars and 8 boxcars at the Wolmirstedt railroad station. []

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6. [] the wood camp southeast of the Jaevenitz-Uchtsprunge railroad line was occupied as previously by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, and red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. [] 5 trucks passed through Jaevenitz, coming from the wood camp, and 5 trucks towing guns proceeded toward the camp. [] about 20 trucks [] passed through Boergitz.

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7. [] a shipment of 12 boxcars and 38 flatcars with sideracks carrying an undetermined number of motor vehicles was seen passing through Boergitz, proceeding toward Gardelegen. [] 120 to 150 empty railroad cars were assembled at the Jaevenitz railroad station. They were no longer there [] A railroadman stated that, during the night, Soviet troops had been entrained. 4

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8. [] a Soviet commissary in Jaevenitz, the employees of which wore civilian clothes. Six men and 4 women daily left the commissary toward Stendal. [] occupied by a Soviet officer and a driver in civilian clothes was seen entering the installation. The officer was seen talking to the employees. 2

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9. [] the Jaevenitz-Letzlingen road was no longer blocked for German civilians. 4

10. [] the former Hansa Brauerei (brewery) from Stendal at the northwestern exit of Tangermuende was partially occupied. Two heavy AA guns were seen in the installation. Two trucks were under the lean-to roofs. Several ammunition bunkers and piles of ammunition were at the western border of the installation, guarded by several sentries. [] left the installation toward the town. 5

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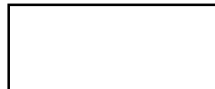
- 25X1 11. [] a large summer camp, about 2 to 2.5 km northwest of Colbitz. All dirt roads coming from Colbitz and passing south of the camp were blocked. The main road to the camp was near the Colzhausen forestry, about 5 km north of Colbitz. No quarters were seen east of the Colbitz-Dolle road. Little vehicular traffic, [] 25X1A
25X1 [] was observed on the Colbitz-Dolle road. [] 25X1
- 25X1 12. [] the camp south of Born was occupied to capacity. Motor vehicles 25X1A
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- 25X1 13. [] Camp Born was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops. A Soviet soldier stated that the troops would stay at the camp all summer and would return to Burg in winter as was observed in 1952. [] 25X1
25X1 BA-64 armored scout car [] truck [] towing a 57-mm AT gun and 25X1
25X1 occupied by 10 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and a large jeep left the installation. [] 10 JSU-152 guns were seen in the 25X1
25X1 area, about 250 meters south of Born. On 2 June, 4 JSU-152 guns, [] 25X1
[] and 2 BA-64 armored scout cars were on the field south of Jagen (forest section) No 264a, and about 60 trucks, 1 tank truck and 1 truck towing a 57-mm AT gun were under the lean-to roofs in Jagen No 155b. Thousand rolls were daily delivered at the camp.
- 25X1 14. [] four trucks [] towing 122-mm 25X1
howitzers, and each occupied by 12 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left Camp Huetten - Neuplanken toward Born. [] 25X1
about 30 to 40 armored vehicles under tarpaulins and about 40 to 50 trucks were seen at the edge of the woods west of the Huetten-Neuenhofe road and east of the firing range. [] about 300 troops were drilling near the firing range. Source expressed the belief that Camp Huetten-Neuplanken was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops. [] 25X1
25X1 hauled about 200 sheets to the laundry in Born. 25X1
- 25X1 15. [] All Planken residents received order to vacate the village within 48 hours. They were quartered in Haldensleben and villages in the vicinity.¹
- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. This information confirms the known occupation of the Born-Huetten billeting area including Wood Camps I through III until early June. [] 25X1
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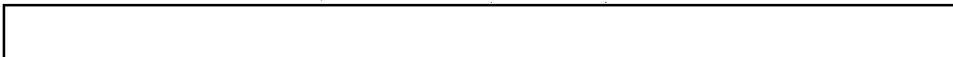
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
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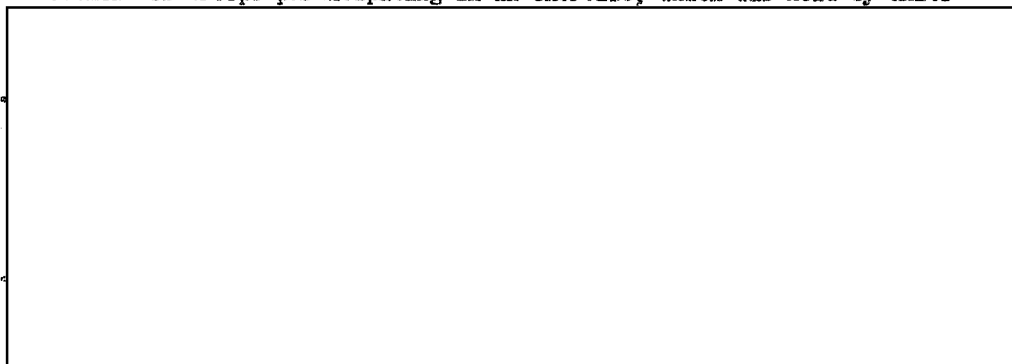
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 Comment. The railroad cars were probably assembled for the return movement of troops participating in an exercise, which was held by units

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